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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY: AUGUST 3

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS AUGUST 3:

--U.S. COVERAGE IS VERY LIGHT, BLAND EXCEPT ON THIRD-WORLD ISSUES.

--CSCE/ECPC FOLLOWUP TENDS TO MERGE AGAIN AFTER HELSINK ANNIVERSARY. PRAVDA LEAD EDITORIAL IS HEAVY (WITHOUT MUCH APPARENT REASON, HOWEVER) ON WORLD, "SOCIALIST COUNTRY", AND DOMESTIC IDEOLOGICAL AND WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY, INCLUDES LINE ON HOW LEARNING THE PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM HELPS THE STRUGGLE TO KEEP THEM CLEAN "AGAINST ALL ATTEMPTS TO DISTORT THEM," WHICH IS REMINISCENT OF SUSLOV'S CENSORED STATEMENT IN MARCH. POLISH FOMIN OLSZOWSKI (IN PRAVDA) AND RUDE PRAVO EDITOR SVETKA (IN IZVESTIYA) PROVIDE INTERESTING CONTRAST FROM THE PROVINCES: SVETKA GIVES LOYALIST EXPOSE OF CZECH DEVILRY TO SOVIETS AND SOLIDARITY, OLSZOWSKI PAINTS "SOCIALIST" SOLIDARITY AS SPRINGBOARD FOR MORE DETENTE, PUTS HEAVY STRESS ON U.S.-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING SALT, ARMS CONTROL, AND MBFR. FINNISH PREMIER MIETTUNEN IN IZVESTIYA INTERVIEW SAYS HELSINKI FINAL ACT IS IMPORTANT EVEN THOUGH "IT DOES NOT CONTAIN JURIDICAL OBLIGATIONS."

--PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA FRONTPAGE
CEAUSESCU IN KISHINEV CONGRATULATING BODYUL AND MOLDAVIANS ON THEIR GREAT SUCCESSES AND CALLING FOR "ALL-SIDED FRIENDLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN ROMANIAN AND SOVIET "PEOPLES" (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING MOLDAVIANS).
TV EVENING NEWS VERMYA AUGUST 2 SHOWED HIM TAKING A LONG WALK BEFORE BODYUL GREETED HIM; RADIO MAYAK CARRIED MENTION OF SOME (UNCLEAR) BREZHNEV CONNECTION WITH VISIT OMITTED IN PRESS PALLY.

--ON MIDDLE EAST, PRAVDA HAS TASS DAMASCUS ARTICLE ON STATEMENT OF SYRIAN CP SUPPORTING RECENT SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN AGREEMENT AND COMMUNIQUE.

--ONLY KZ CARRIES REPORTING ON CONTINUED FIGHTING IN LEBANON. KZ ALSO HAS ARTICLE BY V. BEGISHEV ON CON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUED FLOW OF ARMS TO RIGHTISTS IN LEBANON WITH ASSISTANCE OF ISRAEL AND ITS "IMPERIALIST PROTECTORS."

--IZVESTIYA HAS A SHORT BUT SERIOUS PIECE ON FLOW OF AMERICAN ARMS TO PERSIAN GULF. IZVESTIYA SAYS
END GOAL OF THIS TRADE--PROTECTION OF INTERESTS OF MULTINATIONAL OIL MONOPOLIES--WILL ALSO BE SERVED BY "SO-CALLED PERSIAN GULF SECURITY PACT" WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT FORTHCOMING MEETING OF REGIONAL FOREIGN

MINISTERS.

--FAIRLY EXTENSIVE COVERAGE GIVEN VISIT OF SOMALI PARTY-
GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY
SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER, VICE PRESIDENT, AND MINDEF,
BRIGADIER GENERAL ALI/SAMANTAR. PRAVDA REPORTS TALKS
AND EXCHANGE OF DINNER SPEECHES BETWEEN SAMANTAR AND
KIRILENKO. IN SPEECHES KIRILENKO WARNS OF IMPERIALIST
EFFORTS TO SOW DISCORD AMONG AFRICAN STATES AND SAMANTAR
AGREES, ADDING HIS OWN INTERPRETATION OF
KIRILENKO'S WARNING BY SAYING SOMALIA IS SURROUNDED
BY HARMFUL MILITARY CONSPIRACIES.
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